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WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the Summer issue of The Derbeian, a new quarterly magazine dedicated to stories and information about my home town of Derby. Some of you may already be reaching for a pen or your keyboard to tell me that Derby has been a city for many years now, but when I was born here nearly sixty two years ago, Derby was a town and walking through the Cathedral Quarter it can still feel like one, even today.

I feel privileged and proud to be able to bring this magazine to you and I hope that with each issue we will stimulate some happy, forgotten memories for some, provide a little bit of the history of the city they are living in for others but bring to all of you a connection with the city that is so close to my heart.

I'm sure there are also many of you who have stories to tell about your area of Derby, so if you would like to share them on the pages of The Derbeian, we would welcome contributions from local writers.

— Chris.

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YOUR COMMENTS

Our Readers Comments From Winter 2016. We thank you here at The Derbeian for taking the time to offer us your insights and feedback, we look forward to hearing more stories and connections with our articles over the next set of Issues.

“ *An outstanding publication with top quality editorial that sets it over and above the proliferation of traditional 'lifestyle' magazines. Offering a well balanced blend of historic and modern, it echoes Derby's rich heritage - helping to establish the profile of the city as somewhere to visit and enjoy.*

— Syd Taylor.

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The company was formed in 1947 by Peter Woore. Peter's family background was steeped in architecture and the arts, and he quickly established himself working from the family home on Friar Gate. The company is still there today. He became well known for his arts and crafts style, and 'Peter Woore' houses are as much in demand today as when they were originally built.

The company has gone through a number of changes over the years. When Peter became ill a partnership was formed, The Peter Woore Watkins Partnership. Haydn Watkins had started working at the practice at fifteen while still at school. It was his driving ambition to become an architect, and he duly qualified in 1989, the same year as the partnership was formed. With Peter's death the business was run by Ian Woore his son, who also followed in the family tradition of architecture, together with Haydn. Ian has his own distinctive style being highly creative but well-grounded in the practical skills.

As Ian progressed towards retirement the running of the company fell to Haydn, who is still practicing today, upholding the traditional values of the company adding his ethos. History repeated itself when an Ashbourne builder asked if his son could do his experience with the company whilst training at university. Needless to say he now works closely with Haydn ensuring the company maintains its distinctive style and personal service.

The company specialises in domestic projects from the smallest extension to one off houses and small housing development. The same attention to detail applies throughout. A small project is still the most important project to the client and is treated as such. Other projects undertaken have included many industrial and commercial schemes such as nursing homes, nurseries, purpose designed industrial buildings, offices, flats and a recently completed Veterinary clinic in Ashbourne.



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Most of us achieve this over a period of time through extending and altering our properties. In deciding what changes to make, context is often the key. If your property already has a strong architectural identity, or belongs within an historical or conservation setting, there may be limitations on materials and approach. It is sometimes a challenge, but always a joy, to work on such projects to create something often adventurous and innovative whilst retaining a close connection to the context. For many of us, though, our properties have no strong sense of identity in themselves. Altering or extending them is an opportunity to add drama, and even some “wow”, to lift the ordinary into the extraordinary.

Increasingly, we treat outdoor spaces as an extension to our living space. We want to design and detail them as if they were another room. Transitional areas that link house and garden are important. Balconies, garden rooms and orangeries, verandas and gazebos all link the house into the garden. This connects us with sunlight, open views and green spaces, bringing these into our daily living areas in much more immediate ways.

The majority of our work involves extending living spaces and, in particular, integrating indoor and outdoor areas. But we also work with clients who make the bold decision to start from scratch. We help them design and build a completely new house to suit their own requirements. Here we often start by sketching out several quite different styles and ideas—from the striking and contemporary to the traditional. In this way, we uncover what excites the client.

Bottle Kiln Design’s approach is somewhat unusual in that we have always specialised in the design and construction of house and garden together, rather than their being done by separate professionals without relation to each other. It is always a joy to help people go through the process, and to help them realise their dream.

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TOP TIPS FOR BUYING A NEW KITCHEN...

Advice from Richard Hewitt, Design Director at Vivid Kitchens.

What should I look for when choosing a company to design my new kitchen?

Find a company that employs designers as opposed to sales people. At Vivid Kitchens we specialise in design rather than being a cabinet manufacturer. We offer independent advice through our home design consultations. Our clients describe how this creates an honest and positive relationship from the very beginning.

What kitchen styles are most popular this year?

At Vivid we design and supply a wide range of contemporary and traditional kitchen styles. Handleless kitchens and matt finishes are in high demand this year. Clients who appreciate more classic, or shaker style kitchens often opt for an area of open shelving. Soft greys and muted colours are very popular throughout the ranges to create a warm and sophisticated style.

How much should I expect to spend on a new kitchen?

We usually suggest anything up to 10% of your total house value, as you are likely to see a return on this investment if you decide to sell your property. We generally work with budgets from £8,000 - £28,000 and provide substantial savings to all of our clients.

How can I visualise what my new kitchen will look like?

We use a photo-realistic computer software to show you exactly how your new kitchen will look. All of our consultations take place in your home, at a time to suit you. This enables you to see 3D images and walk-throughs of the designs alongside the space they are intended for. Our clients usually find it much easier to make decisions when they can see samples and colour swatches in the light of their own home.



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The AA Pub of the Year, The Boot, in Repton, is set to get better ... and better.

Rob Taylor, Head Chef of this traditional Derbyshire Inn, tells us how The Boot can push for greater things in the future and how he plans to take the food offering to a different level.

Up until a couple of years ago, The Boot, was a pub that had seen better days. It was virtually derelict, hadn't been trading for a couple of years, certainly wasn't on anyone's calling card and inside looked like a throwback from some Arabian Nights film set. If ever there was a Pub lost and ready for extinction The Boot was very definitely a candidate.

But, it's funny how life can change around very quickly.

Following the successful transformation of The Dragon, in Willington and Harpur's, in Melbourne (formerly the Melbourne Hotel) when the 'For Sale' sign went up on The Boot Heidi and her partner decided to take a look.

As she walked through the door Heidi had a vision. "I just saw it" she said, "I could see how, with lots

of TLC (and a fair bit of investment) we could turn The Boot into a gorgeous traditional pub, with luxury rooms and its own Micro-Brewery. Something we knew would also benefit our other venues".

Within 6 months, Heidi and her team had transformed The Boot. When it re-opened its doors, in February 2015, it had nine luxury rooms, a dedicated bar, an impressive traditional restaurant, a private upper restaurant, the micro-brewery and, the final ingredient to make The Boot special... Rob Taylor, Heidi's son, as Head Chef, at just 22 years of age.

"I know he's my son" said Heidi "but, after working his way up through our other businesses and running the very busy kitchens as senior Sous Chef, it was a natural and very sensible decision. Rob, is recognised as one of the hottest talents in the kitchen, in this area, and his passion for learning and thirst for creating dishes with sublime tastes and flavours is exactly what we needed for The Boot".

It's not surprising therefore that just over a year after re-opening, The Boot was voted The AA's Best Pub in England for 2016/2017 at the AA Hospitality Awards, last September.



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Heidi, Rob and all the team were delighted with the result, the pinnacle of an unbelievable effort to build something very special. Since the award, Head Chef Rob has continued to develop his expertise and has created some wonderful dishes. He now wants

to take things “to a different level”. “I feel we are really in our groove now” Rob said. “Our dishes are well thought out and we just follow nature and its seasons and let our food do the talking for us”.

Rob has been inspired by many of the great Chefs in the country. He often spends his holidays working as an intern (stages) to develop his knowledge and wherever he goes he learns something.

“I went to a restaurant called Wasted in London recently” said Rob “and that made me think about what we’re using and not using. The concept of Wasted, and American Chef Dan Barber, who was fronting it, is to use everything possible and cook with the ingredients that

and enthusiasm for ‘sensational’ food and are determined to invest in the equipment necessary to make The Boot’s food stand out.

One recent investment, that not many pub/restaurants can boast, is a dry aged meat chiller unit. Dry aging is a process that not only helps the meat develop flavour, but also makes it far more tender than it would be completely fresh. Salt blocks, are used in the chiller to draw the moisture out of the meat to intensify the taste and flavour. “The meat stays in there for three weeks to several weeks,” said Rob. “and then, we cut the beef into sirloin, fillet and rib eye. When the steaks are cooked they have a more intense flavour”.

All steaks are dry aged at The Boot

The Boot feeling fantastic, Rob gets his job satisfaction.”

With Rob at the helm, The Boot kitchen is destined for great acclaim. He is determined to make sure that every customer enjoys their experience at The Boot and that their experience leaves a lasting impression on them. Supported by his team of chefs, he will certainly push the boundaries of tastes and flavours.

Look out for some great culinary delights from The Boot. Rob and Jon Hardy from The Lighthouse, recently combined their talents to create a sensational eight course tasting menu at The Boot. This is shortly going to be reciprocated when The Boot moves into The Lighthouse for the night.



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would otherwise be thrown away”. Rob explained: “Dan used things like broccoli stalks – poaching them in butter with star anise – and made one of the best dishes I’ve ever had. It really inspired me”.

Ever since he got back, Rob has been looking at utilising everything he’s cooking with. You can now find broccoli stalks on Rob’s menu, along with pickled wild garlic, last year’s pickled gooseberries and lots more “field to plate” ingredients which may otherwise have been thrown away.

Heidi and her husband, Patrick Hammond, share Rob’s passion

and even lamb saddle, lamb bacon and pork bacon have undergone the dry-aging process for Rob’s kitchen. Rob is determined to keep The Boot at the very top and his passion and enthusiasm will certainly help him to achieve that.

As Heidi looks on she sees the success Rob is achieving she reflects: “Rob lives and breathes food. He is so passionate about good cooking and creating great dishes. When you’ve got that type of passion, you never stop learning. Rob has one sole purpose – to create food that people can really enjoy. When people leave



Jon and Rob are two young hot talents so the result is bound to be very, very special.

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MAKING TAX DIGITAL

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) are introducing extensive changes to how taxpayers record and report income under a project entitled Making Tax Digital.

Sole trader and partnerships, including landlords, will be the first to see these significant changes and the government has introduced a new acronym - MTDfB - which stands for *Making Tax Digital for Business*.

The government has decided how the general principles of MTDfB will operate and the legislation was due to be included in the Finance Bill 2017 but was withdrawn due to the General Election. It is anticipated that this will be included in a Finance Bill later this year.

Under MTDfB, businesses will be required to:

- maintain their records digitally, through software or apps
- report summary information to HMRC quarterly through their 'digital tax accounts' (DTAs)
- submit an 'End of Year' statement through their DTAs.

DTAs are like online bank accounts - areas where a business can see all its tax details in one place.

When will this start?

The current proposals are that sole traders and partnership, including landlords, with annual turnover:

- above the VAT threshold (which is currently £85,000) will need to comply with the requirements of MTDfB for accounting periods which begin after 5 April 2018
- above £10,000 up to the VAT threshold will need to comply for accounting periods which begin after 5 April 2019.

Businesses and landlords with turnovers under £10,000 are exempt from the requirements.

What will quarterly accounting mean?

This is the big question to which there are no definitive answers at present. The government has made some concessions from its original proposals including:

- if businesses are using spreadsheets to record data, they will be able to continue to use these for record keeping, but they must ensure that their spreadsheets meet the necessary requirements of MTDfB
 - this is likely to involve combining the spreadsheet with software
- the requirement to keep digital records will not include an obligation to store images of invoices and receipts digitally.

Once all the relevant data for a quarter has been compiled into the software, the business will then feed the summary data directly into HMRC systems.

What is the 'End of Year' statement?

The End of Year statement will be similar to the online submission of a self-assessment tax return but may be required to be submitted earlier than a tax return. Businesses will have 10 months from the end of their period of account.

Cash basis

It is possible to account for transactions on the cash basis which means a business accounts for income and expenses when the income is received and expenses are paid.

For the current tax year (2017/18) sole traders and partnerships will have the option for moving to the cash basis if cash receipts are less than £150,000 (approximately double the old limit). However, there are some businesses which are not eligible to use this basis.

Record keeping for landlords

Record keeping for landlords will include a record of every property address within a property portfolio as part of the digital record. Income and expenditure data therefore only needs to be maintained in the software for the property business, rather than for individual properties.

How much is MTDfB going to cost businesses?

The consultations outcome noted that the cost of moving to the new arrangements would be £280 per business but did not provide details of how they arrived at this figure.

This seems to contradict information from a survey of the Federation of Small Businesses which showed that the costs might be in the order of £2,700 per business.

We think the cost is likely to be somewhere between the two figures above.

If you require any further advice or assistance then please do not hesitate to contact us.



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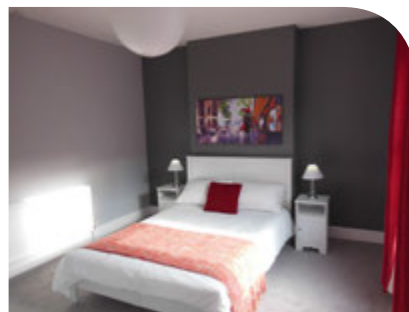
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After researching the lettings industry and best practice Vanquish was formed as an independent lettings agency. Working from home, Vanquish are positioned to offer their services at exceptionally competitive rates, not only for their landlords but for their tenants too.

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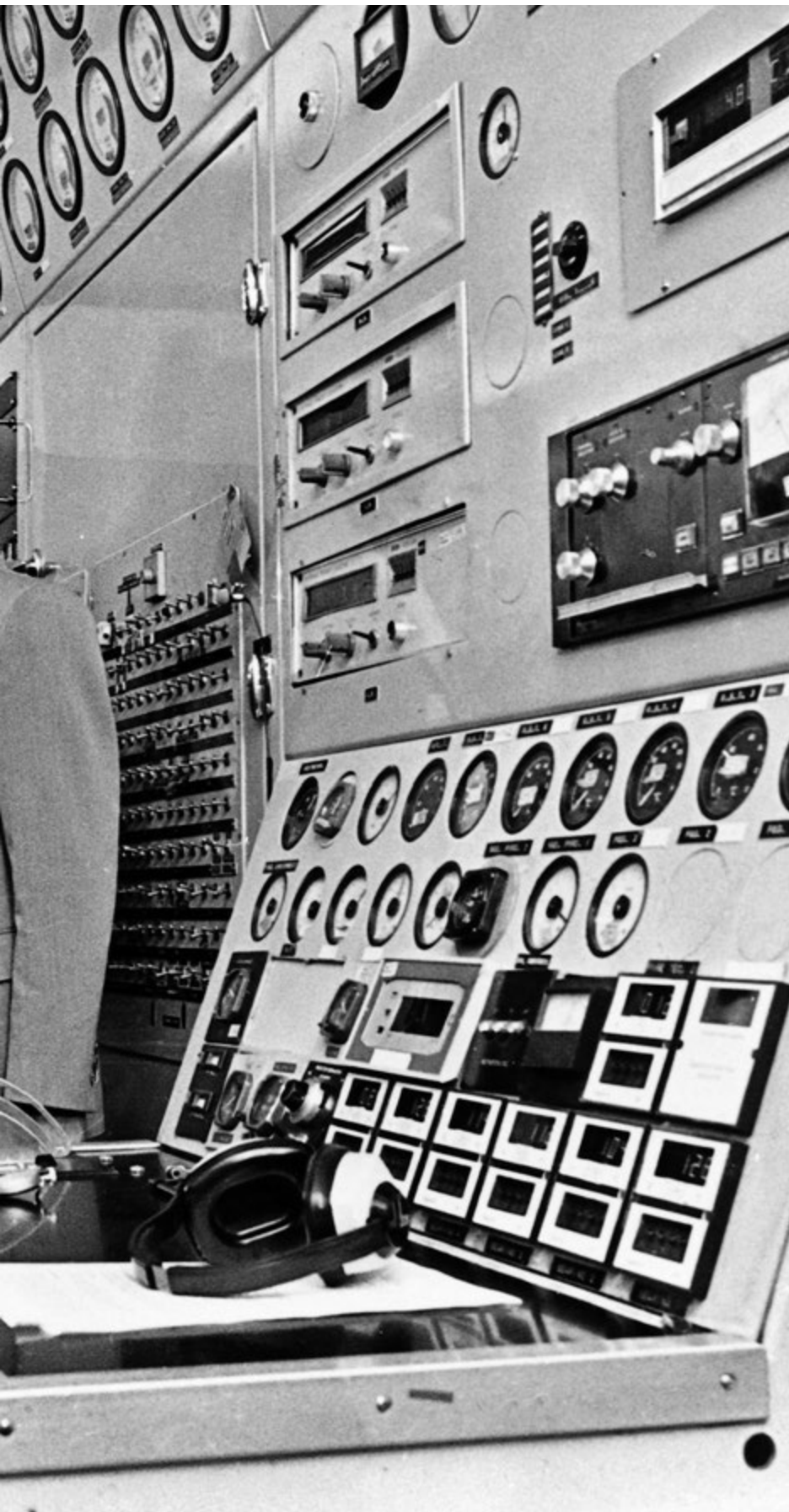


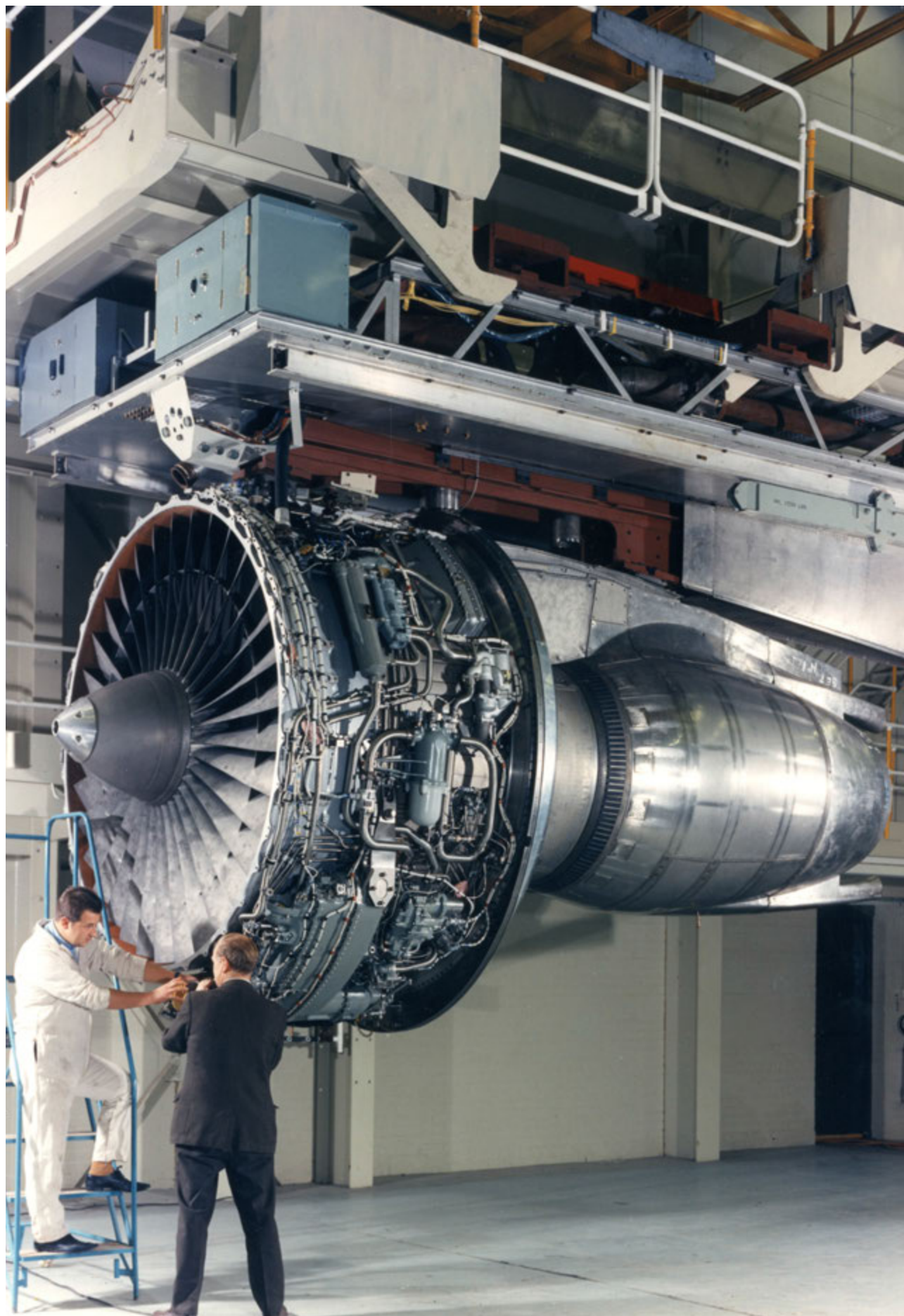
ROLLS-ROYCE 1970's

The 1960's had finished well for Rolls-Royce. In 1968 Rolls-Royce secured what was at the time the UK biggest ever export order relating to its RB211-22 aero engine. The RB211 was to be the new future for Rolls-Royce's aero engine business. It was intended to break the US market for Rolls-Royce, a very important aero engine market then and now. It was partnered with Lockheed's new L-1011 TriStar and intended to make Rolls-Royce's civil aerospace business into a world leader.

Times were good for Rolls-Royce in its other parts of the business too. Its aero engines were also successfully installed on number of military jets such as Spey in the Hawker Siddeley Buccaneer and BAC 1-11. Rolls-Royce's motor cars and diesel engines for Lorries and tanks were also selling well. In addition a merger with Bristol Siddeley in 1966 had made the company the main aero engine manufacture in Britain. However things were not going well as it seemed as Rolls-Royce started to enter the 1970's

RB211 used a novel three spool turbofan design that was very ambitious and timescale of it entering service was very tight. It also used a design and its materials that were very much at the cutting edge at the time such as plastics and carbon fibre. All of Rolls-Royce was focused on its success. From end of 1969 problems started to emerge on its RB211 aero engine mostly as a result of cost overruns, targets for weight etc. and the complexities of this ambitious engine design. The situation got worse throughout 1970 and into 1971, resulting extra government funds being allocated to the project. But the costs kept spiralling and the extra funding was to be to no avail in saving the existing company.





Early Version of RB211 in development in Derby



RB211 powered Lockheed TriStar



Boeing 747 powered by RB211-524



Royal Navy Type 45 frigate powered by the WR-21, a version of the RB211 engine

The 4th February 1971 was a dark day for Derby and the UK. As a result of all the problems on the RB211 Rolls-Royce was forced to enter receivership. Many Rolls-Royce employees and the other business that depended on it in Derby, across the UK and across the world were left not knowing if this famous iconic company would be able to continue. The story was national and international news and representations were of course made in Parliament due to the commitments that the company had. After several weeks a plan was made to save Rolls-Royce and a deal with HM British government was completed. Rolls-Royce was effectively nationalised and company was able to get on with tasks in hand

In May 1971 a new company was formed, which will be known to many Derby people, Rolls-Royce (1971) Limited and work immediately starting on addressing the problems with the engine. On April 26th 1972 the first TriStar with the RB211 engine entered service with Eastern Air Lines. There was great sighing of relief all around Derby and Rolls-

Royce quickly re-established focus on delivering the engines it was committed too and getting the other parts of business up and running.

This period also saw the car division finally leave main Rolls-Royce. Although in Derby the focus had been on aero engines since the Second World War and was now a bigger part of the business it was the initial part of Rolls-Royce and the reason why the company came to Derby. As part of the government nationalisation of the company the motor car division and the diesel engine division were separated into a new company called Rolls-Royce Motors. In 1973 this company was listed on the stock market and although the company has seen changes of ownership over the years it is still making motor cars in the UK today.

Now the RB211 was a successful engine it was developed further into different versions the RB211-524, (an increased thrust version of the engine) that powered the Boeing 747 and an industrial version of the engine which saw installation in

power stations and on oil rigs. In addition the WR-21 the marine version of the engine is in service with the Type 45 frigate in the Royal Navy

On the aero engine side it was not all about the RB211 for Rolls-Royce in the 1970's. In the defence business Rolls-Royce was involved in consortiums on both the RB199 programme and Adour program for the RAF jets. The RB199 was developed by a company called Turbo-Union of which Rolls-Royce is a partner alongside MTU and FiatAvio. This engine was specially developed for the Panavia Tornado which entered service in the 1970's and is still in service with the RAF along with other air forces around the world. The Adour was developed by Rolls-Royce Turbomecca another joint venture company where Rolls-Royce is partnered with Turbomecca of France. This engine was in the main developed for the SEPECAT Jaguar which entered service in the 1970's however a version of the engine also powers the T-45 Goshawk for the US Navy



Panavia Tornado powered by the RB199 engine

On the merger with Bristol Siddeley in 1966 Rolls-Royce also acquired the famous Pegasus engine which entered service with the Harrier Jump Jet with the RAF in 1969 and saw developments over the course of the 1970's. The merger also brought with it the work on the

Olympus engine which was to see service on the iconic Aérospatiale/BAC Concorde aircraft. The Olympus was originally developed for defence purposes by Bristol Siddeley for the Avro Vulcan amongst others applications. However its speed advantages and

the fact that was already developed meant when the call came to power the new supersonic aircraft being developed by the British and French the Olympus won the day. Concorde went into schedule service with Olympus 593 engines in 1976.



Olympus 593 on build

Concorde in the air

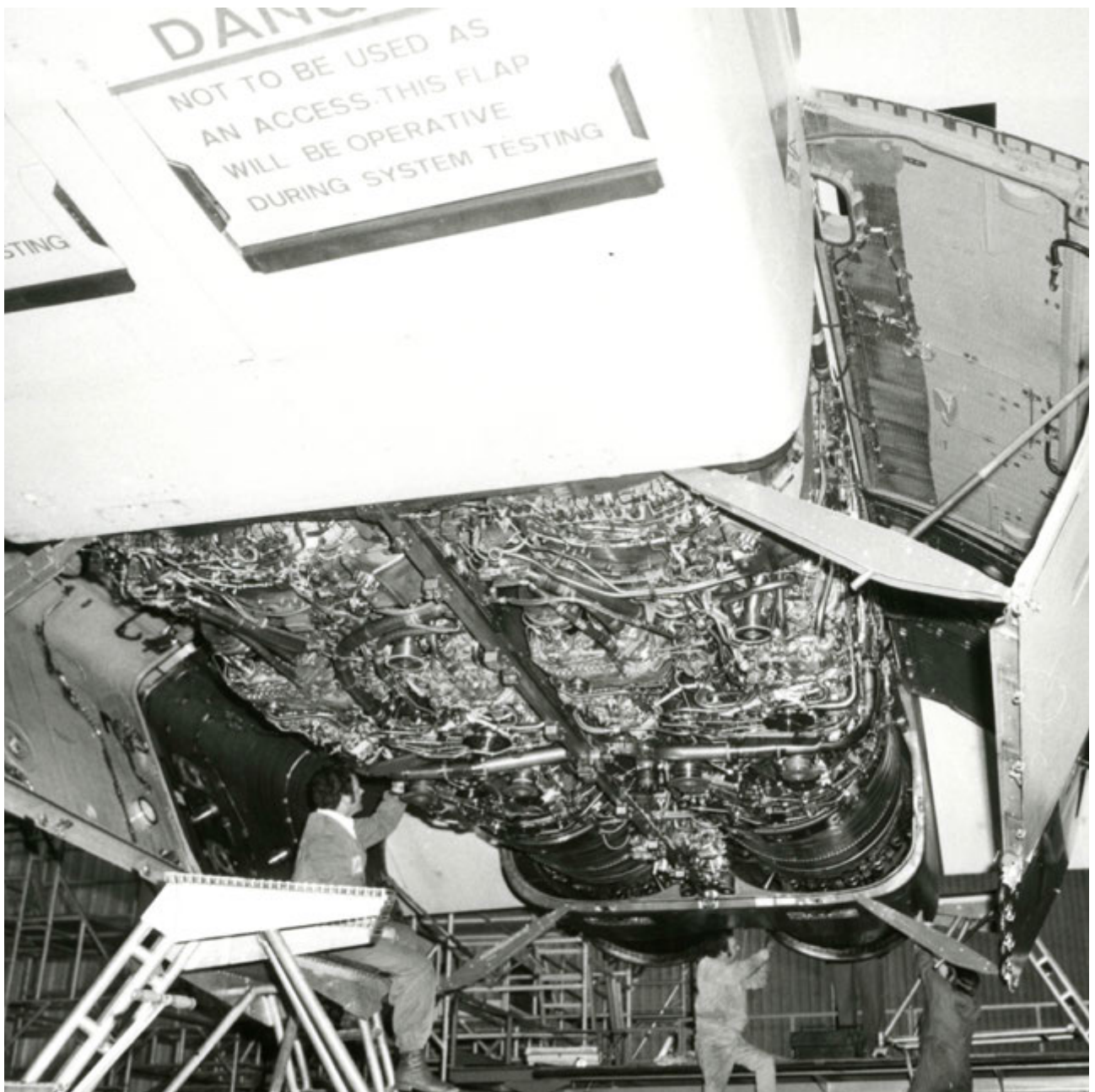
In the 1970's Rolls-Royce was involved in many other projects such as Gnome and Gazelle engines for helicopters and the continued support to the Royal Navy's nuclear submarine fleet. However the failing and subsequent success of the RB211 seem to dominate the era for Rolls-Royce

Rolls-Royce could now be a fully international company not just a Derby or just a British one. For incidence both Olympus and Pegasus projects and their

development were mainly centred on Rolls-Royce's Bristol site acquired as part of the merger with Bristol Siddeley. Helicopter engines were made at Leavesden site near London acquired as part of the merger with Bristol Siddeley too. Work projects and engines flowed between all sites although and certain sites specialised in certain area, in the case of Derby it was engines for the major airlines

The 1970's were a difficult time for Rolls-Royce with lots of upheaval

which caused ripples across whole of Derby as well the wider world but by the end of 1970's Rolls-Royce was steading and the company had started to rebuild. Many of the engines and products developed and entered into service then are still with us and still powering people across the world. Rolls-Royce entered the 1980's on more even keel than it entered it and the stage was set for its return to the stock market in 1987 and its subsequent success



ELSE SOLICITORS

Location and skills are the key for legal firm's success

There are many major firms that excel and succeed from their bases in Burton and South Derbyshire. One of those companies prides itself on the fact that it can one minute be working with big hitters such as Marston's and the next be helping small businesses just starting out.

Else Solicitors really is a tale of unmitigated success. Starting out as a one-man operation in 2003, the firm has since grown to be one of the main players in the commercial and private law industry. But what makes the company stand out more than anything is the importance it places on its location in the heart of Burton and the value it sees in being part of a thriving business community and helping good causes across the area.



Founder and partner Chris Else shone a light on the main reasons behind the firm's success.

He said: "Providing a first class service to clients and getting recommendations from clients and professional intermediaries has proved invaluable.

"In the town, Else has focused on the brewery trade working with the likes of Marston's, Punch Taverns, Enterprise Inns and Spirit Group.

"The firm has traditionally undertaken repeat business commercial work, in particular debt recovery and landlord and tenant issues.

"Focus is also on small and medium-sized owner-managed businesses and we work closely with the management team to make sure we achieve the results required and ensure that timely advice within the budget is given.

"Outside of Burton, the firm has developed a reputation in other sectors, for example in acting for and advising other law firms, banking, construction and in the dentistry and healthcare sectors."

Chris was joined by Andrew Hickman as a partner in October 2007. The pair each have more than 20 years' experience in the legal profession.

Since then, business growth has allowed Else to recruit several solicitors with specialist skills in a number of other sectors including debt recovery, dispute resolution and commercial property.

Looking ahead, Chris predicted that there will be more growth for the firm, with the town set to play a major part in that effort.

He said: "The firm has plans to grow and to secure the future by succession from within and generic growth based upon the principles of being the best commercial law firm locally and aiming to be the first choice for legal services in the Midlands. Having this goal is key to ensuring Else does not slip back or rest on its laurels."

Else is a great example of a small business that enjoys success, grows but does not deviate from its values.

With a planned continued focus on both big and small firms, while also supporting the business community and charities and organisations in Burton and South Derbyshire, Else really is the modern template of the perfect firm.

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FABULOUS FALSTAFF FLIES FLAG FOR NORMANTON

Population change and the relocation of the Rams away from the Baseball Ground have, sadly, decimated Normanton's pub scene. There is, however, a glorious survivor in the shape of the Falstaff on the corner of Society Place and Silver Hill Road. Licensees, Jim Hallows and Steph Briggs, celebrate the 14th anniversary of their tenure on the 1st April, and given the plethora of Derby breweries today, it's remarkable that the Falstaff's only city competitor when brewing recommenced here in 2003, was the Brunswick Inn near the railway station.

It's believed that the Falstaff (named after a Shakespearean character) was the last coaching inn built in Derby, and the architecture that characterises the late Victorian era is here in all its splendour. Originally, there were letting rooms and stabling to the rear for two horses; the bar servery in the Offiler's lounge is in the erstwhile entrance lobby that features a stained glass door and side glazing.

Entering by the refurbished but delightfully intact, small corner bar, one is immediately struck by the lovely bar back and an old fireplace with its highly attractive carved, wooden surround. This is where the regulars meet and conversation and laughter rule. Moving through the former off sales, we find a long room which was originally the back bar and private living room, with

a pool table at one end and a wall mounted jukebox at the other. Old brewery posters and signage abound creating atmosphere in spades. Heading out along the service lobby, on the right, is the Offiler's lounge, a real gem this, which pays homage to Derby's last macro brewery, whose malty brewing aroma one could catch here before Offiler's closure in 1966. Jim and Steph are assiduous collectors of the Ambrose Street brewery's artefacts which have been embellished by a bequest courtesy of the late Brian Silkstone. A rare Offiler's mirror takes pride of place above the open fire and the clock's gentle tic-toc feels relaxing, making this unique room, packed with visual and historical interest, one not to be missed. Outside, the focal point of the hidden courtyard is an art sculpture made of scrap metal in memory of a biker who has sadly passed away.

Falstaff beers are brewed on site, and the regular trio of Fistful of Hops, Smiling Assassin and Phoenix (dark) is augmented by a fourth; 3 phase, Everest or a monthly special brew. Currently, pubs across five counties are supplied with Falstaff beer.

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An accredited coach for YB12Coach, programmes combines business and psychology. The YB12 workshops are skillfully created to empower individuals to grow in all aspects of personal and professional life.

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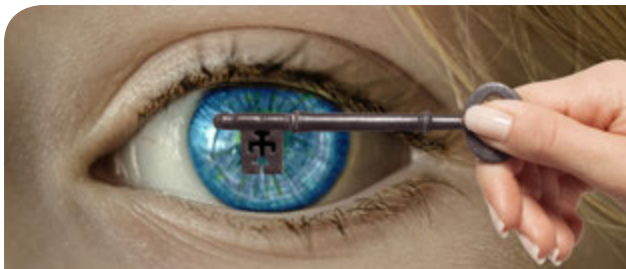
As a company trainer or with one-to-one coaching, Jo helps increase profitability, reduce costs and improve work-life balance.

“Every Man, Woman and Child has infinite potential, just waiting to be tapped”

— William James



“Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We are what we habitually do. Excellence then is not an act but a habit.” — Aristotle



We all need a little help to go where we want to go. Jo Rosser of Success Stream Ltd works with CEO's, Managers and Supervisors needing a catalyst for change, a boost to current performance, to unite their team or a hand to get out of a rut. Jo works with companies to reach targets and get to the next level.

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Motivation is a balancing act. Employers walk a fine line between meeting the needs of the organisation, it's customers and employees. Those who do both well – thrive. People are your resource, your only resource. Motivation and high self-esteem cultivate growth and development. Do you let them grow or lose them to someone who will?! Clear strategy leads to improved productivity, focus, and achieving a healthy work/life balance.

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The Oddfellows is a nationwide friendly society with 280,000 members. As Derby District, we are just one of approximately 146 branches across the country. We meet regularly in the centre of town at 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

If you read the articles about the Oddfellows in the previous two editions of the Derbeian magazine, you will have some idea of the history of the organisation, but what are the benefits of being a member of the Oddfellows today?

A sociable and friendly Society.

Here at Derby Oddfellows you can have fun and make new friends as we host a range of different activities and events, bringing like-minded people together to enjoy the lighter side of life. At Oddfellows Hall in Charnwood Street, Derby we hold regular social activities on a weekly, fortnightly and monthly basis. We also have 'one off' events such as a Cheese & Wine Evening, a Fish & Chip Supper with Chocolate Bingo, a Pig Racing night, Live music afternoons, High Tea & a Movie, Open Gardens and a Golf Tournament. Our five Social Branches also meet once a month and organise guest speakers, quizzes and games nights. Examples of Day Trips that Members have enjoyed include going to Skegness, Bletchley Park, BBC Gardeners World & Good Food Show at the NEC in Birmingham. Forthcoming Day Trips include Consall Hall Gardens in Staffordshire, the National Memorial Arboretum and Sudbury Hall and Museum of Childhood.

The following gives you an idea of the varied activities that are on offer:

Weekly: Line Dancing Classes, Short Mat Bowls and Art Class.

Fortnightly: Walking Group and Knit & Natter Group.

Monthly: Coffee Mornings, Book Club, Luncheon Club, Dining Out Group.



A caring Society

As a member, you can count on our care and support in times of trouble. From friendly and helpful advice through to financial aid, we're always here to make life a little easier. So if you are facing difficult times, whatever they may be, you won't have to face them alone.

Our Branch Care and Welfare Support teams offer a caring, friendly face and a non-judgemental, listening ear to help with any problems you may be facing.

There is a dedicated Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line with advisors

on hand to help you understand your rights and guide you through any problems in areas like welfare benefits, housing, debt, tax and consumer goods and services. They can also organise help with legal issues such as medical negligence, a personal injury or an employment dispute.

Our Care and Welfare Helpline helps members with anything from a quick question about one of our membership care benefits, or a request to help guide you through today's complex and ever-changing health and care landscape.

A helpful Society

There is a range of financial benefits available to members (after a qualifying period) which include:

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a bereavement. It offers a short break away of up to two weeks, usually in one of our partner convalescence hotels.

Convalescence Care Benefit for members who have been ill, had an accident or been in hospital and need come extra support at home. It provides up to 30 hours of care support at home.

Other membership benefits include savings on Travel Insurance, Money-off Deals through Oddfellows Extra on our website and an Active Travel Club that arranges a variety of holidays for our Members.

Part of the ethos of Oddfellowship is helping others and each year our District Chairman raises funds for their nominated charity.

Over the years many thousands of pounds have been donated to Macmillan Nurses, Treetops Hospice, Rainbows Hospice, Breast Test Appeal, Umbrella, Derbyshire Visually Impaired Cricket Club, Play and Recycling Centre, Just for Dogs rehoming centre and The Samaritans. This year our Chairman has chosen Headway Derby, a specialist brain injury support service, and many of our events will help to raise money for this great cause.

So why not give the Oddfellows a try! New members are made most welcome and soon become part of our 'family' here in Derby, enjoying good company, finding new friends and trying out a variety of social activities. To benefit from all that is



on offer costs only £30.00 per year or £28.00 if paying by direct debit. You are most welcome to pop into Oddfellows Hall to find out more or try out one of our groups.

To find out more about our upcoming events please call Penny or Lorraine on

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– we'd love to welcome you.

Photo left: A photo taken at a recent "Cowboy" themed event "Death in Dodge City"

Photo right: The Knit & Natter group recently knitted twenty nine teddies for "Lullaby Africa"

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RF & O PROPERTIES



At RF & O Properties we've been looking at whether a garden added value to a property and concluded that in the majority of cases gardens and outside spaces did add value. More recently we've seen several articles on the benefits a garden shed or garden room can add to a property and given that we're now entering the Summer months we thought we'd investigate whether this new phenomena of the Home Office, Man Cave and She Shed can in fact add value to a property.

Historically the humble garden shed has been used for the storage of garden tools and the other paraphernalia that we use during the Summer months such as the barbecue and the garden furniture but it seems that there has been a revolution in the use of garden buildings, whereby the garden shed has been transformed into the home office, the workshop, the studio, the gym, the dining room, guest suite, playroom, snooker room and many other different uses and they're popping up in gardens all over the country.

Some 4.2million of us it seems have now given up the daily commute through the rush hour traffic and have opted to work from home. There are apparently over 21 million sheds/garden rooms in gardens across the UK and we are becoming increasingly aware that the addition of an outside building to a property is a flexible way to create additional space to our homes from the outside.

Some members of the property industry have said that a garden room can add as much as one per cent to the value of your property but I have to confess that we haven't seen any meaningful statistics to support this. What is clear however, is that garden rooms are definitely on trend and bring benefits to property owners in the versatility of their uses but also enhance saleability. Many prospective buyers are looking to tick the garden room box on their list of things that they are looking for when wanting to purchase a property.

If you're looking to erect a building in your garden, as a keen supporter of businesses local to our area I would suggest that you contact your local supplier of sheds/garden rooms and ask their advice about what building you might add to your garden. Garden sheds don't generally require planning permission but I would always seek the advice of your local planning office before embarking on a garden building venture, just to make sure that you understand the regulations.



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Fiona says: "My interest in family history was sparked by a great-grandfather who disappeared, leaving a young family behind. Over the last 20+ years I have constructed my own family tree and can now offer my experience and knowledge to help others on their own exciting journey into the past."

Fiona covers the whole of the UK, and can research and report back on your own family histories, or offer advice if you prefer to do it yourself but feel daunted by the challenge.

"If you have some information that you want to explore further, but don't know where to start, I can give advice on key data sources and provide support if you get stuck. Or you may have already done some online research and traced your ancestors back through the censuses but now need someone to check local parish records or archives in other parts of the country."

As Christmas approaches, raising the question of what to give that "difficult-to-buy-for" person, Fiona also offers gift certificates which allow the recipient to explore their own family's story.

"You might want to commission research for a parent or other relative, perhaps into what happened to that mysterious ancestor, or to explore an old family story. Each gift certificate provides one hour's research, so friends and relatives can club together for a special birthday or other occasion. The research findings will be written up into a personalised report, with photographs, maps etc to illustrate the story."

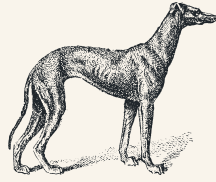
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Terroir Bistro is the culmination of over a decade of Tim Sidaway's work promoting, growing and rearing local food and is an antidote to soulless restaurant chains and factory farmed livestock.

Tim moved to Derbyshire in 2011 to rear traditional breeds of livestock and develop a community and environment focussed farming business in the Derbyshire Dales. An interest in local and sustainable food had started years before when he chose a vegetarian diet for over 15 years before keeping his promise to rear his own meat one day. Tim has a degree in Design and ran his own design agency for 20 years before making the move to tending the land. Making he well placed to create a strong brand for the Terroir Bistro. Tim says "I'm convinced that sustainable food production has to work with nature not against it"

"Like my ethos for the farm my approach to the restaurant business has been to follow my instincts and creativity rather than the crowd. Our menu is ever changing which keeps things fresh for us and the customers and we have developed lots of lovely little bartering arrangements with local business and individuals when it comes to sourcing supplies.

"Terroir Bistro serves British and European influenced dishes created from fresh local ingredients which are all sourced from my own smallholding or grown for us by our fantastic Derbyshire smallholders and farmers. We have a wine wall where you can select your own bottle often from small independent producers, plus a great selection of Derbyshire beers, ales, and ciders.

The atmosphere in the Bistro is cosy and a little quirky, so expect to make new friends while dining. Enjoy!"

VOLVO V40

D4 R-Design Pro

Volvo, like many of our foremost motor manufacturers, pride themselves in their capacity to think 'outside the box'. But cleverly and perhaps uniquely, Volvo has retained the capacity to think 'inside the box' as well. By this I mean that first and foremost Volvo has asserted the primacy of passenger safety. Behind the wheel of a Volvo you are in one of the safest cars on the planet. You'll have heard the saying 'as safe as houses' well, as 'invulnerable as a Volvo' holds good here. It's not surprising, therefore, that Volvo is a brand 'on the up'.

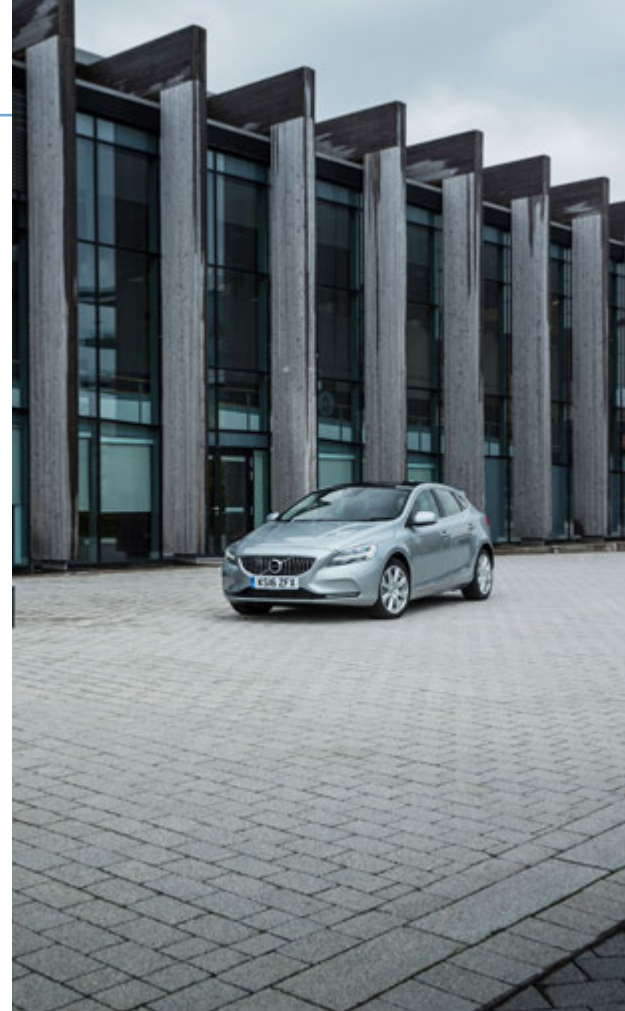
This philosophy extends to - nay, is endorsed by the admirable and impressively safe V40 a top notch premium hatchback that has recently undergone thoughtful revisions. Styling features like the 'Thor's

Hammer' LED headlights and new grille are particularly striking. Externally it looks confidence-inspiring with a reassuring all round affirmation of purpose.

Inside solidity and quality pervade everything. Somehow Volvo have managed to improve upon the previous version to a level whereby one could easily think it was a car in a class above as it stands out with that metaphysical capacity to lift spirits.

Of course, there's plenty of room for passengers and their luggage, and technologically lots of electronic features to remind you that this is no ordinary hatchback. It's a car that delivers not only comfort but offers a very refined driving environment in totality.





As a Volvo, it's a car that takes care of you and its makers have gone to unprecedented lengths to ensure no harm befalls occupants. It's as though Volvo technicians have programmed the computers to anticipate every conceivable calamity that can befall a vehicle: noise to alert you to imminent doom, magic braking in traffic if you forget to brake because you're so comfy and can't believe you really are out there on the highway to hell, wake-you-up 'boings' if you're nodding off, airbags everywhere and toughened this 'n that: you could go to war in one of these. It's hard to conceive that any motor manufacturer cares for my skin more than I do myself.

The D4 R-Design variant tested costs from £29,045 but for those who want extras there are plenty to choose from: the permutations are legion and post graduate. You'll need guidance from a specialist. With the addition of various 'packs' like the 'Intellisafe Pro' that gives warnings of everything from the presence of an errant cyclist to how many minutes we are away from armageddon on the doomsday clock, you can easily add to the price.

The Volvo brand engenders respect among road users: you won't catch 'flash Harrys' behind the wheel of one of these. Quickly I discovered that this is a car of pace and verve with positive and responsive handling: it certainly surprised the vicar. With firm-footed

motoring it's a swift and powerful modern machine with oomph and torque from the excellent 190 bhp 2.0 litre four cylinder diesel that's as smooth as a six cylinder and drives through the six speed manual gearbox that's a joy to use.

I would have been able to zip us up to over 140mph before my clerical friend could have said 'my goodness!' if I had wanted to and I could have redeemed my soul by pointing out that it sips fuel. (I got near 50mpg overall). The supreme accolade though was that he was moved to remark that it felt as safe as those times when he used to watch Stars on Sunday with his granny in the Gorbals. And in gentle mood it rides well over our poorly maintained potholes.

Beauty is not just skin deep though: as well as 'go' it never feels less than perfectly secure: firmly planted on the road. There's a good feel to the steering and it handles well. 'How can a car be so racey and yet so sensibly safe and solid?' I hear you ask. Well, you just have to concentrate on the heart of the matter to know. Here is a swift car with anchors that drive a firmly protective pedigree while allowing for the joy of responsive motoring.

They sing of Bond that 'nobody does it better' - but when it comes to cars the accolade belongs to Volvo who operate to the gold standard - and you can acquire one of these for much less than the price of the key to Fort Knox.

New McLaren

Sports Series



The twenty first century was barely two decades old when observers close to Horsell Common, north of Woking, detected rapid movement. Not as occurred over a century ago in the skies but on the roads.

Silver cylinders glinting in the blinding rays of an autumn sunset swept into view only to disappear as quickly and mysteriously as they had come.

A vicar removing his thick-lensed bi-focals in order to rub them with a cloth, turned sideways to the lean and hungry looking journalist to ask "What on earth if indeed of earthly origin could these apparitions be?"

The journalist answered with a sardonic smile. "Relax Reverend" he said. "This isn't a second

Martian invasion but rather evidence of an encouraging innovation from McLaren the local manufacturer of racing and high performance road cars".

He went on to suggest that had H.G.Wells been with us today he would doubtless have marvelled at this example of futuristic progress. The example in question? Why! The new McLaren Sports Series of seriously quick and almost affordable (though not, alas, to a humble 'man of the cloth') sports cars which starts at £128,000.

The stratospheric success of the McLaren F1 is known throughout the Solar System. This is a car now valued at a price that will take the breath away, representing an investment made in Heaven. - but, of course, no-one except the dullest dog that ever fell asleep

over a copy of Investors News ever bought a McLaren for the purpose of monetary profit.

These new Sports Series cars are not to be appreciated for appreciation but for the motoring experience they deliver, opening their dihedral doors to scintillating new perspectives.

Supercars are usually impractical for everyday use but the new range establishes new norms of expectations for the luxury sport sector - refusing to compromise on performance.

As did the Martian heat ray set Horsell Common alight, so do these act as an incendiary to ignite dormant passions.

The Sports Series range consists of three variations on one alluring theme. The cars are respectively:

the 540S Coupe, 570S Coupe and 570GT. They are powered by a 562bhp twin turbo 3.8 V8. Following on from that range are the Super Series and Ultimate Series with 641bhp engines. All of them will reach well over 200mph. In terms of performance the choice is between astonishing and really astonishing.

In truth, mere words draw blank in attempting to evoke the high levels of everything possible in one of these - even for those unsatisfied with anything less than too much. They combine all the performance in the universe with luxury. Drivers foolish enough to wear hats will need to hang on to them. You'll be up to 120mph before you can count to ten.

Naturally you expect a McLaren to look like a rhapsody in phew! In looks they are 'cor blimey corkers of contoured quintessence chained to a kinetic buttress of

flying thrust. You remain rooted to the spot in rapt admiration.

Built on carbon fibre chassis they are super light, super fast, super safe incarnations of excellence, serving motoring spice sprinkled with hot chilli peppers served on flying saucers from Mars. Preconceptions are blasted away like cobwebs in a tornado. But you're always in control. Even with traction control and other technological marvels, a McLaren gives you the drive of your life every time.

Easy to get into - but there's a strong reluctance to get out again. Comfort is excellent but it's not the pointless sybaritic comfort of complacency. Turn on the engine and this writer really needs to pass the job to the Nobel Laureate for literature. Only a genius with words could match the genius of this McLaren engineering conception.

Behind the wheel it's not a bad feeling. Did I feel confident? Of course I did. The car is so responsive that it knows what's going on even before it happens - which is very flattering as the road ahead turns into a sculpted projection of linear determinism. No road gets away from the gobbling grip of this tenacious carriage of dreams. In short it moulds the road to its own requirements.

Nonetheless it's usable everyday. You could drive to the supermarket for a loaf of bread and even enjoy a dice with a shopping trolley: it's that versatile.

With so much going for the Sports Series, surely there has to be a downside. I couldn't think of one - except that I don't own one.



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A technology company based in Derby that prides itself on offering a personal service to organisations, making them aware of cyber risks and supporting them to reduce their exposure to online threats.



Graham Wakerley the founder of Missing the Linq, has spent the last 25 years in the IT industry developing, implementing and supporting large scale information management systems, much of the time spent in the East Midlands, working with small and medium enterprises as well as large global corporations. During that time, society has moved effortlessly from the Industrial Revolution into the Digital Revolution, characterised by a shift from traditional industrial based economy to an information based one.

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By Helen Taylor

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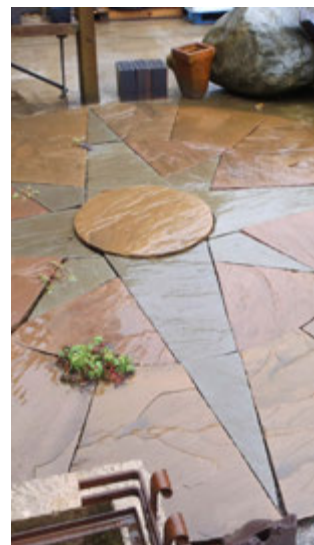
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Land on the other bank of the River Derwent was acquired by Thomas Evans for his cotton mills in 1778. Here, from 1782 onwards, he applied his skills to cotton spinning and development of a factory community.

These mills later became known as the ‘Boar’s Head Mills’ and were constructed between 1782 and 1830. They constitute the most complete of the surviving cotton mill complexes in the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site and are of immense historical and architectural importance. The site contains five main mills and a comprehensive range of ancillary structures, including warehouses, offices, stables, bobbin shops and domestic buildings.

The Boar’s Head Mills specialised in quality thread for sewing, embroidery and haberdashery. They were originally water powered. Weirs dammed the River Derwent to create a head of water which powered the wheels that drove the machinery in the mill buildings. The culverts that channelled the water to and from the wheels have since been filled in. The chimney marks the later arrival of steam power, used to supplement the water power.

The Evans’ involvement in the cotton mills ceased with the death of Walter Evans II in 1903. In 1905, John Peacock, the manager, bought the mills from the estate. The Peacock family ran the business until 1943, when it was sold to J & P Coats of the Coats Viyella Group. Textile use ceased in 1970. In 1969 the sale of the mills for other uses began.

[West Mill on the right, canteen in the foreground, mill managers house on the left, photographed from across the weir.](#)

[Women hand-winding the cotton in the North Mill at Darley Abbey, 1868.](#)

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Thus it was, the three friends resolved to remedy the situation by tackling it at its roots, and decided to found their own brewery. Their resolve didn't waver, and a micro brewery was duly founded at premises in the Little Chester area of Derby. Around AD52 the Romans had built a fort here, and named it *Derventio Coritanorum*, borrowing *Derventio* from the Celtic name meaning "The Market in the Oaks". This Roman theme has been adhered to ever since in the naming of Derventio's beers, with occasional diversions into other ancient cultures so as not to upset the Hellenites, the Druids, the Egyptians and so forth.

Unfortunately the premises at Little Chester proved ultimately a little too micro for the equipment required for bringing forth large quantities of ale, and so new premises were sought, and found at Trusley, to the west of Derby. In March 2006 a six barrel brewery was installed by Porter Brewing Company. The first brew off the plant was **Centurion** (4.3% Best Bitter). This was shortly followed by **Venus** (5% Pale Ale), **Aquilifer** (3.8% light bitter) and **Caesar** (6% premium bitter).

In December 2007 the brewery diversified into bottling, with **Winter Solstice** (5% Spiced Bitter), **Venus** and

Caesar being the first bottled. A year later, the market for bottled ales had grown, and the brewery began contracting the bottling of the beers to an outside firm due to the production volumes required. This led to a change in the standard range of bottled beers produced, and **Cleopatra** (5% Apricot Fruit Beer), **Emperor's Whim** (4.2% Golden Hoppy Bitter) and **Venus** became the core bottle range.

In September 2008 the brewery increased in size with the addition of the brewery tap facility. This enabled the brewery to offer an increased range of services including brewery tours, private parties, and our popular **Day with the Brewer** package.

In 2011 Derventio relocated once again, this time to the heritage site of **Darley Abbey Mills**, offering easier access to the public, in more pleasant surroundings by the River Derwent. Derventio Brewery remains at this location to this day.

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THE GROWTH OF THE DANDY IN DERBY

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"Reports of national trends in male grooming popularity are confirmed by the rising number of customers we see in the shop – and the increase in month-on-month sales of our products." Explains Shane. "We've got to make sure that we keep ahead of the game at this stage in the sector's growth, and ensure that we can meet the growing demand of a quality, traditional barbershop service." He continued. "We're delighted. We are so busy, that we are now open 6 days a week to accommodate our customers, and we are looking for a new member of the team to bring into the fold for training in the true Dandy Gent way!"



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The organisation began life as the Derby branch of I.V.S. (International Voluntary Service) in the 1960s, with original activities including decorating and gardening for the elderly and people with disabilities. It continued

to grow into the 1970s, being one of the earliest charitable groups around to actively develop the use of volunteers and “charity shops” as a means of fundraising. The shop was located on Lower Dale Road and the headquarters were on Richmond Street, both in the Normanton area of Derby, and former patrons of the charity include Brian Clough and Philip Whitehead MP.

Activities continued to expand, and projects were developed working with people with learning difficulties as well as undertaking short breaks in the Derbyshire countryside. The organisation began taking groups to use Back Dane, a holiday cottage in the Peak District, in 1974 and by 1977 the cottage had been purchased as a holiday centre for disadvantaged children and adults.



These residential activities have carried on continuously since then, with around 5-10 weekends for children taking place every year, run by our volunteers or in partnership with other charities and organisations, such as Derby Kids Camp. It is estimated that thousands of people from the Derby area and beyond have benefitted from the work that our volunteers have done and continue to do.

Roughly once a month we have what is known as an “improvement weekend”, when a team of volunteers goes to the cottage to upgrade, repair and generally maintain it. New volunteers are always welcome, and all help is appreciated. Details of how to get involved can be found on our website.

Another feature of the group’s activities is The Tuesday Club, a lively social evening for adults with learning difficulties which has been running in Derby for the last 40 years, and currently based at the Watson Rooms at St Augustines Church, Normanton. Apart from the weekly club itself – pool, dominoes, bingo, a cup of tea and a good chat and a laugh – there are occasional but regular outings and day trips.

We are currently undergoing a programme of building and improvement work on Back Dane Cottage thanks to a legacy left to the charity by a long-serving and much-missed volunteer and Derby resident, David Robinson, who dedicated much of his life to the work of the organisation.



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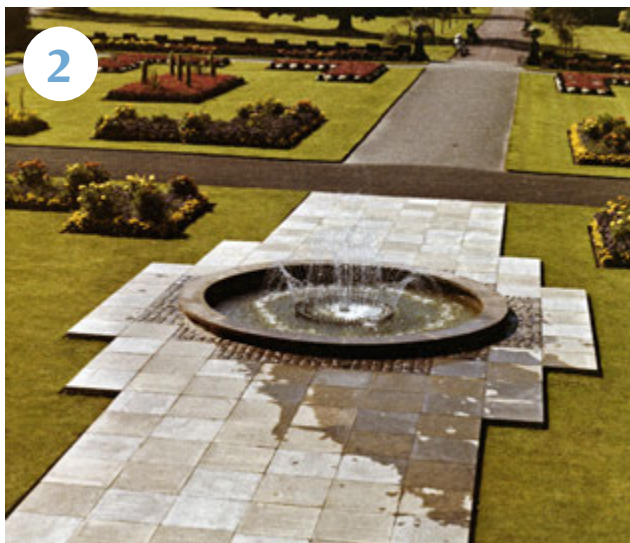
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The Market Place was the location of Derby's Market until it was moved in the 1930's to a site with permanent stalls located between the Bus Station and Council House as part of Charles Aslin's plans in the 1930's to re-develop the Riverside-Morledge area. The Market later moved into the Eagle Centre in the late 1970's.

These pictures are just a few of the ones we have on the Picture the Past website and show both the Old and the New Assembly Rooms in Derby. Built in 1752-5 by the London Architect, Matthew Habershon. Assembly rooms were built all over the country and served the genteel middle-classes as social meeting rooms to see and be seen within society. They held music recitals and dances and dress codes and manners were strictly controlled. The building was gutted by fire in 1963 and the the 5 bay stone facade to the building was demolished and re-erected at Crich Tramway Museum in the 1970's (sadly the beautiful interior was lost forever). It was replaced in 1977 by the New Assembly Rooms in the Civic Centre complex also pictured.

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SUMMER IN THE CITY

Summer is upon us and thoughts naturally turn to alfresco drinking in country pub gardens. It's sometimes worth considering what's on our doorstep, however, and the Derbeian looks at opportunities for an outdoor pint or two in Derby.

The construction of the Silk Mill, powered by the river Derwent, in 1718, ensured that Derby was in the vanguard of the Industrial Revolution. Silk worms were turned into high quality thread for fashion items that had amazing designs and colours. The Lombe brothers provided cottages for mill workers on nearby Full Street, and one of

these was later licensed to become the original Old Silk Mill pub. The cottages were demolished in 1924 and the present day pub was erected four years later retaining the "Old" prefix. The eye catching gable end mural depicts the 1833 lock out of silk mill workers which was a notable, early test of power for the new trades unions.

A few years ago, licensee Terry Holmes, a larger than life character, retired, and his successor Martin Roper introduced a great culinary offering and added a south facing terrace in the mural's shadow. This is an ideal place from which to watch the world go by, and eight real ales, some of which change, give the discerning drinker plenty of scope.

Across the road, Derby's oldest and most picturesque inn, the timber framed Olde Dolphin boasts a pleasant patio which is always popular in summer especially when their July beer festival is in full swing. The multi roomed interior merits CAMRA National Inventory listing with Greene King Abbot, Draught Bass and Taylor Landlord being just three of several real ales on tap.

Just around the corner, the Flowerpot on King Street could justifiably claim to be Derby's most innovative licensed premises. This multi-faceted pub has been free of brewery tie since 1993 and offers an ever changing choice of ale. Majoring on live music, there's a full roster of electronic and acoustic bands regularly

performing, and there's even a stage under the pergola in the courtyard garden. Ghurkha curry evenings on Tuesdays and good en-suite accommodation have further enhanced the Pot's reputation.

The Furnace on Duke Street is owned by Pedro Menon, and with beers brewed on site complemented by hard to find guest beers, this has become a firm favourite with discerning beer drinkers. From the tranquillity of the rear patio the twin towers of All Saints and St Mary's may be viewed. It's good to see this ex-Kimberley house doing so well.

Out on Ashbourne Road is an oasis of calm in the shape of the Georgian House Hotel which is an impressive, porticoed, Regency

edifice. Integral to the hotel is Mr Grundy's, where to the rear is a large area laid to lawn, and decking with seating. A most attractive weeping willow affords a little shade, and looking out over the entire garden is a big, Victorian style conservatory. Residential, with food served all day, Grundy's interesting interior features an old red telephone kiosk, and, on the bar, guest beers rub shoulders with Mr Grundy's ales brewed on site in gleaming stainless steel vessels made in Derby.

On Abbey Street, outside of the new(ish) ring road, sits the Olde Spa Inn with its twin gabled frontage set back from the road. Dr William Chauncey's spa complex was built in 1733 when it was hoped to match Buxton's popularity as a health



resort. The anticipated prosperity didn't materialize, however, and in 1832 an on licence was granted for public house usage. More recently, in 1985, a refurbishment merited a national architectural award from CAMRA; as you enter, the area to the right is particularly worthy of attention. A pleasant grassed area to the front is enhanced by a functioning water feature.

There aren't many pubs left like the mid terrace Rowditch Inn at the junction of Uttoxeter Old and New Roads. This is an authentic, wet sales only community pub that has raised considerable sums for charity, especially the Rainbows Hospice. Steve and Jan Birkin have run the premises since 1997, and Marston's Pedigree is served together with home brewed beers.

If Derby has a secret pub garden, then it's probably here down the steps at the back, and this little known delight, awash with colour, is not to be missed. Note, though, that the Rowditch opens at 7pm and 12 – 2 on Saturday and Sunday lunchtimes only.

Alan Kilkenny wrought a remarkable transformation at the Bell and Castle, Burton Road. A few years ago the former Bass pub stood forlorn and unloved, seemingly destined to never open again. Today, the place is unrecognizable with a stylish, modernist interior of different areas and a separate, stone flagged bar room at one end. Outside, the meticulously landscaped garden is a real haven and it's hard to believe that busy Burton Road is

just yards away as it's inaudible. Also, there's a delightful, walled patio and children's play facilities are evident. From the garden, the upper floor rear windows give a clue to the building's original usage – stockingers' workshops above the workers' cottages.

Not too far away, off Normanton Road, lies the city's best preserved Victorian pub, the atmospheric Falstaff at the top of Silver hill Road. The three roomed interior includes a lounge which is a veritable shrine to the nearby Offiler's brewery which closed in 1966. Four beers brewed on site by licensee Jim Hallows ensure beer buffs' patronage and, outside, the focal point of the hidden courtyard is an art sculpture made of scrap metal in memory of a biker who has sadly passed away.



Derby's two Derby Brewing Company pubs, The Tap, Derwent Street, and the Greyhound (pictured), Friar Gate, both have roof terraces for fair weather drinking. The latter also benefits from a dedicated roof level bar which opens at busy periods to cater for alfresco drinkers. Both pubs were rescued from closure a few years back by Trevor Harris and son, Paul, and Derby Brewing Company beers with guests are augmented by a culinary offering which make for brisk business.

In 2012 the future of the Smithfield on Meadow Road looked bleak when the Headless Brewing Company chose to dispose of

it, but in stepped Derby based Westminster Building Company whose thorough renovation gave the bow fronted building a new lease of life. Once a short hop over a bridge from the cattle market which gave the pub its original name, the "Smithy" now stands in splendid isolation with the ring road traffic's din drowned out by the cascading water from the weir upstream. The riverside terrace is the perfect place to enjoy a leisurely pint and to catch a glimpse of birds such as cormorants and kingfishers. Real ale fans won't be disappointed by the beer offering, courtesy of licensee, Emily Bowler.

The New Zealand Arms on the corner of Peel Street/Langley Street off Ashbourne Road is another venue with an attractive garden. Following a three year legal wrangle regarding access, a walled, elongated patio that's picked out by fairy lights at night is open to enjoy. The NZA has Dancing Duck beers, brewed nearby, making this the brewery tap, and other beers feature as well.

Derby's reputation as a cornucopia of real ale is unmatched, and there can't be many cities of comparable size that have such good garden facilities in which to enjoy it. Cheers!

— Paul Gibson

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